

FIGHT TO KEEP ABATTOIR OUT

Prominent Citizens Meet, Discuss Situation and Issue Statement.

TO CARRY MATTER TO CITY COUNCIL

Several Strong Addresses in Op- position to Erection of Plant Here—Mr. Christian Dis- cusses the Legal Phases of the Problem.

An impressive and influential meeting of opponents of the proposed ordinance to permit Mr. W. S. Forbes and associates to erect and maintain an abattoir was held at the Chamber of Commerce at 5 P. M. yesterday, continuing for nearly two hours. Large holders of show-bills, realtors, representatives of banks and other business interests and prominent members of the bar were present, the attendance being made up almost exclusively of opponents of the ordinance.

The meeting adopted a statement of the situation as it was viewed by those present and others whom they represented, setting forth the arguments against and the objections to the ordinance and endorsing the idea of prominent authority on such questions. This statement, which is published below, was declared to be the sense of the meeting, and the chairman was directed to name a committee to present the paper to the Council Committee on Ordinances and to forward it to both branches of the Council.

Mr. John F. Branch, who presided at the meeting, stated its object, and incidentally cited several striking instances wherein unsuccessful efforts to control corporations by the imposition of rigid restrictions had been made. He expressed the conviction that the city would have the same experience with the abattoir if permission to install and operate it were given by the Council.

Mr. Christian's Strong Argument

At the committee to prepare a statement to the public and to the Council had reported several gentlemen addressed the meeting, among them being Messrs. John Stewart Bryan, John Kerr Branch, Langlois M. Williams and Frank W. Christian. All of these gentlemen spoke earnestly and forcefully against the granting of the ordinance asked by Mr. Forbes. Mr. Christian especially touched upon the legal phases of the problem with great power. He expressed the belief that it would be practically impossible to build a nuisance if the privilege of locating an abattoir on the site proposed was granted, and it became objectionable to residents and property owners. This statement, coming from such an eminent lawyer, and the fact that the ordinance was presented in the name of the Chamber of Commerce, the situation generally, Mr. Christian pointed out that, contrary to the prophecies of the case and the usual situation, the opponents of this proposition had the burden of proof that the ordinance was not a health measure, but a nuisance, and that health authorities power to prevent or regulate the location of slaughter-houses in the city and it was by virtue of that authority to regulate that the proponents came to the Council with their petition. Mr. Christian further pointed out that the ordinance, if granted to Mr. Forbes, would be an exclusive one, and would not permit any other citizen to engage in the same business within the city limits. He stated that the ordinance was not an ordinance, but a license, and his review of the situation was complete and powerful.

There were present at the meeting Messrs. W. S. Forbes, John Kerr Branch, Coleman Wortham, Joseph H. Hensley, John M. Miller, Jr., John S. Elliott, N. W. Rowe, Frank W. Christian, Edwin A. Palmer, John Stewart Bryan, R. S. Turk, Thomas M. Rutherford, C. C. Jones, George Bryan, M. M. McGuire, W. O. Nolting, E. M. Dennis, L. M. Williams, E. Henry Gilbert, William Ronger, Warner Moore, S. T. Atkinson, Leigh R. Page, George L. Christian, J. J. Marcase, James C. Clarke, Wm. B. Meredith, R. E. Mendenhall, R. M. Middley, W. S. Selden Taylor, James H. Drake, J. W. T. Dabney, Dr. Burton D. Gentry, C. S. Merton, John W. Gordon and others. Mr. John P. Branch, of the Merchants' National Bank, was called to the chair and presided during the meeting. Mr. B. A. Dunlop, of the Chamber of Commerce, serving as secretary.

On the motion of Mr. T. M. Rutherford a committee of five was constituted by the chairman to draw up resolutions or a statement embodying the views of those present. Mr. Rutherford, Messrs. Frank W. Christian, John S. Elliott, Coleman Wortham and N. W. Rowe were named.

The Resolutions Adopted.

After some time the committee returned, and Chairman Rutherford reported the following, which was read by Mr. Howe:

At a meeting of the owners and occupiers of property in the chief business and office section of this city, situated within four hundred yards, or less of the site to be occupied by W. S. Forbes & Co., or their successors, and where the privilege of slaughtering hogs is sought to be obtained from the City Council by this firm, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we, as such citizens and voters of the city of Richmond, respectfully protest against the erection of the proposed abattoir, and respectfully urge the members of the Committee on Ordinances, as well as all members of the City Council, to refuse W. S. Forbes & Co. the privilege of establishing this nuisance in our midst.

In support of our opposition to the erection of the Forbes slaughter-

DISTINGUISHED DIVINE IS DEAD



BISHOP ALEXANDER COKE SMITH,
of the Methodist Church, South.

BISHOP SMITH DIED LAST NIGHT

Was One of the Great Men of the Methodist Church, South.

HAD BEEN IN BAD HEALTH

Received Many Honors and Was Beloved by People of All Creeds.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 27.—Bishop A. Coke Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died last night after a lingering illness. He was fifty-seven years of age, having been born in Lynchburg, S. C., September 16, 1848. He graduated from Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., in 1872, and joined the South Carolina Conference. He was pastor at Cheraw, Columbia, Charleston and other South Carolina points. He was at different times a member of the faculties of Vanderbilt and Wofford. While pastor of Vanderhill Church, Norfolk, Va., in 1892, he was elected bishop. Two years ago he removed to Asheville for his health.

Dr. Smith entered the South Carolina Conference December, 1872, and continued in it twenty years. He was stationed one year at Cheraw; three years at Washington Street, Columbia; four years at Hampton Street, Greenville; three years at Trinity, Charleston. Two and a half years he served as presiding elder of the Columbia District. June, 1896, he was elected professor of mental and moral philosophy in Wofford College, and held that office until the general conference of 1896 elected him one of the missionary secretaries. This position he resigned in July, and accepted the position of practical theology in Vanderbilt University.

A vacancy having occurred in the pastorate of Granby Street Station, Norfolk, Va., he was transferred in May, 1895, to the Virginia Conference, and put in charge of that church. During his pastoral term there, was erected by his people the elegant and commodious stone church, well known by the name of Epworth. In 1896 he was appointed to Court Street, Lynchburg, and in 1899 returned to Epworth.

The death of doctor of divinity was conferred on him in 1885 by Erskine College of the Associate Reform Presbyterian Church. Thrice he has sat in the general conference—in 1890 as chairman of the South Carolina delegation, in 1894 and 1898 as a delegate of the Virginia Conference. He is a trustee of Randolph-Macon College, president of the board of education of the Virginia Conference, and a member of the general board of missions. In 1893 he was chosen by the College of Bishops as the fraternal delegate from the church to the Methodist Church in Canada.

December 29, 1906, he celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his marriage to Miss Kate Kennard, of Newberry, S. C. He leaves a wife and a large family of children.

XMAS CASUALTIES STILL GROWING

Two Murders, Three Accidental Deaths and a Suicide.

ATLANTA, GA., December 27.—Today's dispatches of holiday tragedies in and near Georgia contained the news of two murders, three deaths by accident, one suicide and a jail delivery.

Doc Rogers and Charlie Webb, young white men, quarreled in Alken county, S. C., during which difficulty Webb was shot.

Louis Leath and Jake Hagler quarreled at Lancaster, S. C., last night over a game of cards. Death was shot and instantly killed.

Charles Jones, aged twenty-seven, is dead at Sand Mountain, Ala., as the result of an accidental discharge of a gun while out hunting.

Parker Knight, aged fourteen, while out hunting with a crowd of boys near Halesville, S. C., was accidentally shot and killed.

Hardy Smith fell downstairs in a boarding house on Assembly Street, Columbia, S. C., and broke his neck. His home was in Lexington county, S. C.

Mrs. C. Vincent blew out her brains with a Colt's revolver at Vinest, Shelby county, Ala. She left a husband and three children.

Sheriff Davis, at Wrightsville, Ga., allowed the prisoners to come into the corridors to keep warm last night. They picked a hole through the wall and escaped. Among them was William M. Milhan, sentenced for life for murder.

RAGE RIOTS IN MANY PLACES

Negro Soldier Assaults White Woman Wife of Prominent Physician.

NEGROES BURN BLACK DESPERADO

New York Negro Interferes in South Carolina Court and Is Roughly Handled—Citizens of Scooba Say They Will Handle the Situation.

SOME CASUALTIES WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

1. Negro soldier assaults white woman in Oklahoma.
2. Negro kills white man in South Carolina, and is burned by own race.
3. Two whites and two negroes killed in Alabama.
4. Another negro killed at Scooba.
5. White man killed and three negroes wounded in Louisiana.
6. Two white men and four negroes wounded in Florida.
7. Negro soldier fined \$25 for disorder in Florida.
8. Eleven Mexicans and one American killed by Indians.

TEL. RENO, OKLA., December 27.—A negro soldier assaulted Mrs. T. S. Clifford, wife of a prominent physician of this place, this afternoon, near the Rock Island Station. Great excitement prevailed, and talk of lynching is heard on every hand. Hundreds of men are searching for the assailant.

Mrs. Clifford and her sister, Mrs. S. H. Clarke, were attempting to pass a negro soldier of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, when he viciously grabbed Mrs. Clifford around the waist and threw her into the street, exclaiming that the sidewalk belonged to him. Mrs. Clarke screamed, and the assailant fled.

News of the attack spread rapidly. The entire police department, reinforced by the entire police department, reinforced the town and surrounding country, but this evening the chase was given up. The negro was in uniform, and must return to the post or become a deserter. Word was sent to Fort Reno, and all absentees were noted. Both Mrs. Clifford and her sister are positive they can identify the man, and will go to Fort Reno to-morrow and attempt to find him among the soldiers who were out of the post today when the assault occurred.

Duel in Lumber Camp.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., December 27.—Sag Riley was shot and killed to-day by John Windfield at a turpentine camp. Three negroes who watched the duel were wounded. Windfield was arrested.

New York Negro Interferes.

AUGUSTA, GA., December 27.—A special from Springfield, S. C., says: "Following the killing of Tiney Chavis, a negro man, by Stephen Stevens, a negro, a lynching was attempted here yesterday by the negro being rushed to the Burnwell jail.

"Chavis went to the negro's house to collect a small debt, when he was pushed out of the door and shot to death in the yard. Further details of the case were narrowly averted at the preliminary trial, when a mulatto by the name of Livingston, from New York, forced himself into the trial and began questioning the witnesses. He was roughly handled by the friends of Chavis, sustaining a severely bruised head and a broken arm."

One More Killed.

MERIDIAN, MISS., December 27.—The citizens of Scooba, represented by a committee, headed by Mayor Quarels, called on Governor Vaydian Dyer, in personal charge of the situation there, and an understanding was reached with the committee, resulting in twenty soldiers from Jackson, under command of Adjutant-General Arthur Fridge, being left at Scooba, in charge of the situation. All the other soldiers, including the Governor and his party, returned to Meridian late this afternoon.

The body of one more negro was found in the woods near the place, but it is believed he had been dead several days. There is a feeling of suppressed excitement, but further trouble is not expected. The people of Scooba are indignant at the stories that have been circulated, and claim that they have been guarding the incoming trains to prevent excitement, and any white people from the outside coming in and precipitating further trouble.

"We, in Scooba, understand the situation better than outsiders possibly can," one prominent citizen is reported as having said, "and if anybody is to be killed, we know who it is; we know the content negroes from the guilty ones, and our greatest anxiety is that well-meaning outsiders shall not come here and cause unnecessary further trouble."

Brownsville Affair.

BROWNVILLE, TEX., December 27.—N. D. Purdy, assistant United States Attorney-General, accompanied by Major Augustus Blockson, of the Inspector-General's department, and W. W. Merchant, a confidential law clerk to Secretary of War Taft, besides an official stenographer, arrived last night to make an investigation into the rioting of negro soldiers last August. Only four witnesses were examined to-day, and it will probably require several weeks to complete the inquiry. The examination is conducted privately, the witnesses being advised.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND HIS BOYS; PINE KNOT, PRESIDENT'S VIRGINIA HOME



ROADCAP KILLS CATTLE RANGER

Fight Christmas Night After Much Brandy Results in Death of Philip Ritchie.

ASSAILANT UNDER ARREST

Roadcap Surrenders Himself. He Will Be Held to Await Action of Grand Jury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HARRISONBURG, VA., December 27.—Philip Roadcap, a well-known cattle ranger of the Brock's Gap section, thirty miles northwest of Harrisonburg, was killed by Charles Roadcap in a drunken brawl Christmas night. In a fight, which followed a quarrel over whiskey, Roadcap stabbed Ritchie with a knife.

Ritchie died almost instantly, but his body was left lying in the open in front of his son-in-law's house for twelve hours or more. When found it was frozen stiff. Roadcap surrendered himself to Magistrate Cooper, of Linville District, last evening, and the Commonwealth's Attorney's office in Harrisonburg was notified of the homicide. Commonwealth's Attorney Central and deputy sheriffs left for the scene of the crime this morning, and a coroner's inquest was held this afternoon. Magistrate Cooper, who was acting coroner, committed him to jail to await the action of the grand jury, which meets next month. The prisoner will be brought to Harrisonburg to-day and locked up in jail. Details of the murder are very meagre here this evening on account of the distance from the county seat of the scene of the crime.

According to the best advice Ritchie secured three boxes of brandy from a moonshine distillery in the Gap Christmas Day. Later he started for his home, some miles away. He stopped at the home of Milton Caldwell, who married his daughter, near Linville. Three other men were present at the house, and after drinking a considerable quantity of the liquor, they began quarreling. Abney Donovan and Charlie Roadcap took sides against Ritchie and Journey Dove, both parties throwing rocks. Later, Ritchie and Roadcap engaged in a hand to hand encounter, and Ritchie was stabbed, the knife being thrust into his left breast, a distance of three or four inches.

The wound of the heart was penetrated, and the victim died to death. Dr. C. S. Dodd, who made a post-mortem examination of the body, saying that death resulted within five or ten minutes after the man was stabbed. Ritchie was fifty years old, and leaves a wife and several children. Several years ago he was convicted of running and illicit distillery near his home, and was sentenced to jail in the United States Court. His place was raided by the revenue officers.

Roadcap is only twenty-four years old, but has been in trouble frequently.

BOY IN POVERTY MAY BE WEALTHY

Mother Claims to Be Wife of Millionaire George Pullman.

NEW YORK, December 27.—A boy of five years, whom a woman, asserting herself to be his mother, says is Edmund Pullman, son of George H. Pullman, grandson of the inventor of the Pullman palace car, and heir to \$5,000,000 in trust, was found cold and wrapped in rags on the top floor of a tenement house at No. 67 West Twenty-eighth Street last night. Agents of the Children's Society went to the house on information given them, and carried the boy to the rooms of the Children's Society, where he was fed and given proper clothing. The woman, who gave her name as Lillian Pullman, or Broadin, was in the Children's Court this afternoon. She told Justice Olmstead that the boy, Edmund, was the son of the late George H. Pullman, who was her husband, she claimed, and that she was now living in the tenement with a man named Cornelius Breslin, a bricklayer.

Lynch Murderer

PUEBLO, COLO., December 27.—A. M. Lawrence Leberg was lynched at Law Antism at 3 o'clock to-night by a party of masked men. Last night he murdered a farmer in cold blood with a hammer, then cut his throat and drank his blood.

ROOSEVELTS IN VIRGINIA WOODS

President and Family At Pine Knot For Some Days.

BUTTER AND EGGS IN MUCH DEMAND

Party Bring Keen Appetites With Them and Roosevelt Larder Is Filled With Good Things — Bright Fires Greet Them.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 27.—President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt and five children, together with Surgeon-General Rixey, Miss Langdon, of New York, and Lieutenant Hamner, of the navy, reached Pine Knot, the Roosevelt cottage in western Albemarle, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, where they will remain until New Year's Eve.

The party was cordially welcomed by Joseph Wilmer, of "Round Top," and four servants from Plain Dealing, the estate of William Wilmer, the New York banker, who dropped down from the metropolis yesterday.

After all hands had warmed up at the big fire in the hallway, and had looked after the unloading of the baggage, dinner was announced. To this each member of the party did justice, their appetites having been whetted by the long drive.

The trip down from Washington was uneventful. During almost the whole journey the entire party occupied the observation end of the private Pullman, Twilight, which was attached to the rear of the United States fast mail. After leaving Orange Junction was served in the President's car.

Wave Him a Welcome.

The train reached Charlottesville at 2:40. The coming of the train bearing the chief executive did not create a ripple of interest, and probably not more than a dozen people knew he was aboard, although there was quite a crowd at the station.

As the train left the depot, the President came to the door of the car and smiled a greeting. Numbers recognized him, and waved a welcome.

A half mile from the depot the President pointed out to Kermit the buildings of the University of Virginia. At 2:45, forty minutes later than the schedule, the train pulled into North Garden. The President's car was detached, but before the engine from a local freight could transfer it to the siding, the President had alighted, having caught sight of the team that was to carry him to "Pine Knot." He was closely followed by Quentin and Mrs. Roosevelt, and the trio at once entered the stylish new turnout from the Wilmer stables, a rubber-tired, two-seated trap, drawn by a sorrel and bay, full of action. The President wore a heavy bearskin coat. Mrs. Roosevelt's dress was of dark, Mrs. Roosevelt's dress was of heavy gray material. She wore a sailor-shaped hat, with green veil, and tan shoes, with grey "spats." After saying good-bye to Assistant Secretary Latta, the President bade the driver, John Henry, who was innocent of livery, to proceed.

Doffs Hat to Crowd.

The usual Christmas crowd was gathered around the little station. With one or two exceptions there was no knowledge of the coming of the President, and the reporters were drawn together by the chief magistrate. There were a salaried chief magistrate. To those the President doffed his hat no less than a half-dozen times as he took the road which extends five miles southeast to the Albemarle slate quarry, with excellent grades for the most part, then seven miles along Green Mountain, over a pleasant sandy bed.

The second vehicle, a three-seated drag, drawn by two bays, contained Surgeon-General Rixey and a merry group of young people. On the front seat with Herman Burton, the colored driver, sat E. L. Hammer, a young lieutenant in the navy, who joined the party at Charlottesville, and Richard Wilmer, the little son of Dr. Wilmer, of Washington. On the second were Theodore, Archibald, Miss Ethel and a girl friend, Miss Langdon, of New York, while on the back seat were Admiral Rixey and Kermit, the last dressed in a military uniform.

This fall, after the Madison Square Garden Show, Mr. Dunlop disposed of a number of his show horses and also severed his connection with his partner in a racing stable.

Mr. Dunlop was born in Petersburg, where he resided until a short while ago, when he made his home in Norfolk. He owns a handsome country place, "Sage Hill," on James River, where his horses are kept. Some dozen years ago he married in Petersburg, but the couple have been separated for five years, and it has been known that a divorce was contemplated.

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BRYAN SAYS HE WILL NOT DECLINE

Intimates Strongly That He Will Be a Candidate for President.

TOPEKA, KAN., December 27.—In an interview today William J. Bryan emphatically admitted that he would be a candidate for the presidential nomination before the next Democratic National Convention.

"While I have not yet announced that I would be a candidate," said Mr. Bryan, "I have not stated that I would not be a candidate. Such a high honor as the presidential nomination is something that no American citizen should decline."

Mr. Bryan said there was no foundation for the story to the effect that he would, if nominated, favor the selection of Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.